



OHIO - HUNGARY

1993-2013



President: János Áder
 Prime Min.: Viktor Orbán
 MoD: Csaba Hende
 Amb. to US: György Szapáry
 US Amb: Eleni Kounalakis
 TAG: MG Deborah Ashenhurst

NATO member: Yes (2006)

EU member: Yes (2004)

ISAF Pax: 582 (1/1/13)

2012 SPP Engagements: 7

Population: 10.0M (2012 est.)
 Area: slightly smaller than Indiana
 Military Expend.: 1.0% GDP (2010 est.)



Photo by U.S. Air Force

Overview

The Ohio National Guard has two state partners. Since 1993, the Ohio National Guard has partnered with Hungary, and in September of 2006, the Ohio National Guard entered into a new partnership with the Republic of Serbia. Both partnerships seek to support the European Commander's goals and objects by promoting regional stability and civil-military relationships in support of U.S. policy objectives

Ohio and Hungary actively participate in a host of security cooperation activities ranging from bilateral familiarization and training-like events, to exercises, fellowship-style internships and civic leader visits. All activities are coordinated through the Theater Combatant Commanders, the US Ambassadors' country teams and other agencies as appropriate, to ensure that National Guard support is tailored to meet both U.S. and country objectives.

Partnership History

Brief History:

- State Partnership was established in 1993
- NATO Partner 14 DEC 2006. EU 1 MAY 2004

Unique Political/Military issues:

- The Hungarian Provisional Reconstruction Team (PRT) begins to withdraw from Afghanistan
- A newly developed HDF Special Operations Contingent reported to Afghanistan
- HDF JTAC program has been accredited by NATO
- Defense Minister Csaba Hende said Hungary will maintain present funding levels for the military until 2016, after which it will increase defense spending by an annual 0.1%.

Partnership Focus

Military to Military (M2M):

- Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) Operations
- Building Logistics Capacities
- Plan higher level engagements for FY 15/16
- Support to C-17 Operations at Papa AB
- Explore Medical CCAT with the HDF
- Emphasis on enabling coalition support

Military to Civilian (M2C) (Domestic Operations)

- Civil Military Preparedness

Future Years Proposed Events:

- Tri-Lateral Exercise Planning
- Cyber Defense (SAV)
- Senior Leader Visits
- LOAD DIFFUSER Exercise IPC (FY14)



Photo by Capt. Elizabeth Culbertson



"Ultimately, the State Partnership Program is about personal relationships. It is a partnership that involves an ongoing dialog about the day-to-day challenges we both face and our willingness to think outside the box in finding solutions." - MG Greg Wayt, former Adjutant General, Ohio National Guard

